

Call for initial partnership proposals – Supporting Victims of Crime

Established in 2012, The Bell Foundation works with partners to change practice, policy and systems for children, adults and communities in the UK disadvantaged through language. In 2015, the Foundation launched 'Language for Change' a grant-making and research programme on the needs of prisoners and offenders for whom English is not a first language and it has funded projects including a peer advisor scheme, ESOL adapted reading programmes and development of a screening tool.

The Foundation is now expanding its work in the criminal justice system by supporting victims of crime who have English as an additional language. It is a three-year grant-making scheme aiming to develop, test and provide support for victims of crime who, as a result of an English language barrier may be less able to engage in or receive important services for recovery and justice which can result in a negative impact on outcomes and future prospects.

For the purposes of this brief, the term 'victim' is used as it is widely used across victimology and service delivery groups. However, as it is a contested term, the Foundation will follow the guidance of subject experts for future publications.

Supporting victims of crime with English as an additional language

The purpose of the Foundation's grant funding is to develop the tools, approaches and services which will improve outcomes and experiences for victims of crime who have English as an additional language. A key aim of this grant call is to have an impact on the sector; an impact that is not solely confined to the organisation and client group receiving funding. System change is a key aim for the Criminal Justice Programme and organisations should articulate how their project and its impact might relate to the wider system and sector.

To maximise impact, projects should have at least one of the following elements clearly embedded:

- **Sustainability:** How will the project create a lasting legacy or continue to create benefits after The Bell Foundation funding ends?
- **Scalability:** Is the project using methods or approaches that could be scaled up, if so how could this happen?
- **Innovation:** Is the project using new, promising approaches to solve issues around language?

As examples, projects may develop resources that can be used by multiple agencies, pilot new ways of working.

The Foundation will be making grants for projects and is open to proposals for multi-year projects (up to a maximum of three years).

Please note, the Foundation is unlikely to fund projects focused on ESOL classes or translation/interpretation services, unless they have a clear sustainability plan or pilot a new approach that is also sustainable and applicable to other organisations.

Identifying language barriers

The Foundation is aware that some organisations have not previously had the opportunity to consider at length the nature of the language barrier and how it is linked to other barriers and

problems that victims of crime face. Organisations that require a longer period to develop proposal ideas should contact Letty Thomas, Programme Officer as there may be the opportunity to apply later in the year.

Research

As part of the Foundation's work in criminal justice, it will be working with a research team to identify the impact that the language barrier has on supporting victims of crime who have English as an additional language. As part of the research project the Foundation is aiming, where possible, for researchers to work closely with partners to inform the research. Outputs from the research work will include reports and briefings where partner work and impact will be captured.

Evaluation

Monitoring and Evaluation is an essential part of a partnership with The Bell Foundation. The Foundation's programmes and partnerships are externally evaluated by an independent evaluator, Cloud Chamber. Cloud Chamber supports the Foundation's partners from the early stages of project development, and tailors the evaluation framework to make sure that information which indicates the success of each project can easily be collected. If you work with the Foundation, you are expected to commit to using our evaluation framework by agreeing on a set of questions and metrics for which you collect data throughout the project.

How to apply

The Bell Foundation uses a simple two stage application process to make sure potential partners' work is strategically aligned. The first stage is for submission of a two-page project brief. Shortlisted organisations will then be invited to submit a full proposal:

Stage One

Organisations interested in applying should contact Letty Thomas, Programme Officer to arrange an informal discussion on: Leticia.thomas@bell-foundation.org.uk

After discussion, the Foundation will request the submission of a (no more than) two-page brief as a Word document attachment via email by **5pm, Friday 15 June 2018**, outlining:

- Organisation name and charity number (if applicable)
- Contact details
- Why your proposed work is needed and how it aligns with the Foundation's aims
- What your proposed work seeks to do and who the target group is
- A draft timeline of the work you are proposing
- How you will know if your work has been successful
- How the project incorporates at least one of the three key elements
- An indicative budget of your proposed work, highlighting how much and what type of resource is requested from The Bell Foundation and how much your organisation or another partner will contribute if necessary (this can be provided in a separate document)

Please put your organisation name and "Overcoming the language barrier" into the subject line of your submission email.

Stage Two

After an initial assessment, those potential partners which appear to make a significant contribution to the programme objectives will be invited to discuss submitting a full proposal and next steps with a Bell Foundation Programme Officer. Please note that the Foundation conducts due diligence on organisations before grants can be made to them. It is anticipated that the first round of grants will be awarded in October 2018.

Timeline

Task	Due date
Deadline for first round applications (two-pagers)	Friday 15 June 2018
Project planner for shortlisted organisations (first deadline)	Thursday 12 July 2018